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"TALKIN' THROUGH HIS HAT."

WRITTEN FOR THE DEMOCRAT.



EAR JOHN, I take my pen in hand, to write a line to you, about some happenin's an' things my mind's revertin' to. I want to warn you 'gainst some men what make this world out of woe. So's you can steer your carcass clear from pests that are just orful.

An' specially I want to warn you 'gainst the feller that is talkin' early an' talkin' late—but mostly through his hat.

He goes to town most every day, preempts a dry goods box, an' there he sits an' crows an' spits, an' talks an' talks an' talks.

He knows about "per superior," "bout stocks an' bonds and such things, an' while he talks looks like he had for such things mighty notions.

He has the silver question and "feenances" all down pat, an' can tell just what's the matter with this country—through his hat.

He hasn't been known to do a thing to strain his brain or muscles— is inherent uv energy, was never teched with hustle.

Yet he says "the farmers all are fools fer slowin' up the land, an' sowin' wheat an' plantin' corn; he'd better tak a hand at talkin' politics—like him—an' learnin' where they're at, an' savin' uv the country now, like he does"—through his hat.

His wife an' little kids at home are ragged, thin an' sick, his corn an' worth the cuttin' 'cause the weeds grewed up too thick, if a horse air so poor it takes the two to make a shadder.

He stood his ole cow up on end and used her fur a ladder; his cabbage is full o' worms (an' 'pears to me as that is mostly what is ailin' him) while talkin' through his hat.

You ort to hear him quote the bible, like a reg'lar deacon, an' he swears his quoin's true, 'cause why, "he read it in the Beacon," He says all other papers lies, air "subsidized" an' "rot."

An' he "don't have no truck with them, an' no freeborn man had ought." His politics is populist; he ain't no democrat— Couldn't be an' hold his job at talkin' through his hat.

Now, John, you may have seen this case, an' heard his endless beller, an' watched him bore the life out uv some honest country feller. A sakin' him to vote this fall for all the pops that's runnin'?

If so it be, you jist load up an' start right out a gunnin'!

An' don't let up 'till all this land, from Pike's Peak to Arrarat is freed from that pestiferous breed what's talkin' through his hat.

--B.L.

T. L. Ewan of Kansas City is in town today.

John Dickson is at Colorado after feeding cattle.

Fred Aber and wife are visiting in Stafford county.

Johnnie Barth and family of Claflin spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. Twigg now occupies one of Chris Wetzel's houses.

Mrs. Fred Dumont returned Tuesday from her Arkansas visit.

L. B. Wilcox lost a valuable horse Sunday—choked to death.

Henry Tyler of the south side has gone east on a business trip.

D. N. Heizer has shipped his household goods to Colorado Springs.

Don't you suppose your neighbor is tired of loaning his DEMOCRAT?

W. E. Wiley and Frank Patterson are in the hotel business at Burlingame.

C. G. Johnson has his fine string of horses quartered at the Strobel barn.

William Hosack of this city shipped several car loads of cattle from Garden City to the eastern markets Monday.

L. L. Dudley Sundayed in Chase. Ed Marx has gone east on business.

Clay Lucas of Heizer was prading our streets Monday.

A. S. Allen took the train for Kansas City on Sunday.

C. B. Gillis made a business visit to Hutchinson last week.

C. A. Swartz visited Kinsley last week on legal business.

Mrs. W. R. Clingston has moved from this city to her farm near Heizer.

W. P. Come went to Larned Saturday and purchased a car load of horses.

Dan Coughlin is assisting at the New York Store during Mr. Marx's absence.

Mrs. J. C. Lafferty is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Sue Humphrey of Trenton, Mo.

C. P. Taylor of La Crosse and D. C. Barrows of Galatia were here on business Monday.

G. F. Mecklem and D. E. Fryberge of the Heizer neighborhood were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. A. R. Connett received the sad news Sunday that her father had died at Bedford, Iowa.

Mrs. A. R. Livingston of Galatia returned home Monday after a visit with Mrs. W. Torrey.

W. S. Pavey, who has been confined to his home by illness for many weeks, is again able to be out.

Mrs. C. F. Diefenbacher left Saturday for Trenton, Mo., to visit Mrs. E. C. Kent, her daughter.

Joe McMullin is home from his tour with the Enterprise ball team and will settle down to work again.

Henry Evan of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, who has interest in Barton and Ness counties is here this week visiting friends.

E. R. Moses and wife attended the irrigation meeting at Albuquerque, N. M., and will visit Arizona before returning.

Joe Bolsell, Nat Scrogin, Rev. Woodburn, Charles Shaffer and Captain J. P. Francis were over from Hoisington Tuesday.

C. Canady and family arrived Saturday overland from Sarcoxie, Missouri, and will move back onto the farm here.

Frank Maxson, who was nominated for treasurer by the populists of Stafford county, is a son-in-law of S. P. Aber of this city.

George Valerius, the Eli candidate for sheriff was in town Friday shaking hands with the boys. He spent Saturday in Ellinwood.

Correspondents will confer a favor by dropping into the office when in town and getting a supply of paper, envelopes and stamps.

If anything of interest is happening in Barton county you are sure to learn of it through the DEMOCRAT—for \$1 a year, cash in advance.

A grand public dance will be given at the opera house in Hoisington tomorrow (Friday) night. All are invited and a big time is expected.

We were in error last week in announcing W. W. Truxall as one of L. M. Kinsley's bondsmen. We were misinformed and beg Mr. Truxall's pardon.

Charley Allison played ball at Wichita on Saturday in a game between the commercial travelers. Charley's side (Hutchinson) won by a score of 16 to 9.

One by one the birds of passage are returning. Willis Howerton is back from Miss., and back to stay, he says. Let's see, the DEMOCRAT made a prediction to that effect.

Will Schweil of the Heizer creamery was in town Saturday after ice, but weather having exhausted their supply. The Heizer company will open the Bazine plant next week.

Mrs. John O'Brien arrived home Sunday night from her health-seeking visit to Wisconsin, feeling much improved. Mrs. Ed Shanafelt stopped at Emporia for a brief visit.

Henry S. Smith of Rush county and Miss Cora Allen of Ellsworth county were married in the parlors of the Hotel Greene on Sunday. Rev. L. C. Schnacke tying the knot.

An exhibit of the agricultural products from the various irrigation plants in this county will be of great benefit to all interested in improving our system of agriculture. It is one of the "good things, shove it along."

THE FIGURES OF BARTON

Interesting Statistical Data of the Banner County.

Showing Our Population, Products, and the Multitudinous Marketable Multiversant.

THROUGH the kindness of the county clerk we are this week enabled to present our readers a few extracts from the statistical rolls of the county for the year ending on March 1, 1895, as compiled from the returns of the several township trustees.

Barton county has 407,928 acres in farms and 245,876 acres under cultivation.

Acres under irrigation, 148. Rods of hedge fence, 19,280. Rods of wire fence, 645,351. Value of farms including improvements, \$4,449,467.

Value of farm implements, \$108,958. Number of acres sown to wheat in fall of 1894, 179,742; sown to rye, 3,379; spring wheat, 119; corn 74,396; barley, 2,107; oats, 7,250; potatoes, 633; sweet potatoes, 2; sorghum, 4,199; broom corn, 408; millet, 2,641; milo maize, 760; kafir corn, 5,068; Jerusalem corn 177. Bushels of corn on hand, 24,306. Bushels of wheat on hand, 36,263. Timothy, 1 acre.

Blue grass, 11 acres. Alfalfa, 1,950 acres. Acres of prairie under fence or used for meadow, 46,720.

Tons of tame hay cut in 1894, 1,500. Tons of prairie hay cut in 1894, 8,700. Garden products marketed, \$2,994. Eggs and poultry sold, 332,401. Pounds of cheese manufactured, 10,620.

Pounds of butter manufactured, 213,067. Worth of milk sold, \$2,744. Horses, 10,607. Mules and asses, 1,153. Milch cows, 5,880. Other cattle, 8,269. Sheep, 388. Hogs, 7,552. Value of all animals slaughtered, \$168,398.

Pounds of wool, 137. Acres of nursery, 4. Bearing apple trees, 25,718. Bearing pear trees, 2,026. Bearing peach trees, 15,471. Bearing plum trees, 10,508. Bearing cherry trees, 21,243. Acres of grapes, 78. Gallons of wine made, 951. Dogs, 2,058. Population, 12,827.

LEGAL GRIST.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED: 3987—C. Samuels vs. W. E. Durand, foreclosure.

3988—Mortgage Trust company of Pennsylvania vs. P. L. Scammahorn, foreclosure.

3989—S. H. Chatten & Co. vs. J. H. Kelley et ux, foreclosure.

3990—Chase & Son vs. Hoisington State Bank, on account Hoisington Drug and Jewelry company.

3991—M. Atkins, M. D., vs. L. D. Fulton, abstract of judgment.

3992—Jessie H. Gage vs. Frank Gage, divorce and alimony.

3993—Western National Bank of New York vs. A. E. Wigton, foreclosure.

JUSTICE JENNISON'S COURT.

181—Witte Hardware Co. vs. John W. Dawson et al; Judgement for defendant for costs.

187—G. H. Hulme vs. M. C. Beye attachment for rent.

188—Seeber vs. Clarke, judgement rendered \$85.45 for plaintiff.

189—Diefenbacher & Banta vs. F. L. Birney, garnishment suit on account for professional services; trial Sept. 19.

190—Farmers and Merchants bank vs. J. W. Nordyke and Sam Carey, attachment; trial Sept. 19.

191—Rohlfing & Co. vs. H. Bellinghausen, attachment; trial Sept. 20.

JUSTICE COLE'S COURT.

State vs. Peter Gales, of Lakin township, jury trial, charged with disturbing the peace of John Bierechiet, fined \$1 and costs \$80.60.

State vs. Matt Gales, same as above, dismissed at defendants cost \$14.40.

9—Chas. H. Crooks vs. H. S. Gwinn, account; settled and costs paid.

93—State vs. Sylvester Phillips, false pretenses, compromised and costs paid.

94—State vs. M. A. Beck, assault and battery; fined \$1 and costs and committed.

O. P. Putnam was over from Hoisington Saturday.

Willie Townsley is back from his Missouri visit.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jordan on Tuesday.

Rev. Glass of Rush county is the new Baptist minister at this point.

Henry Litts, representing the Topeka Capital, was a caller yesterday.

O. R. Kackley was down from Galatia Saturday, where he is teaching school.

Ad Purcell has moved from Nickerson and again occupies his Third ward property.

McPherson's ball team has not lost a game since it signed the four players from Great Bend—Dawson, Frame Rose and McMullin.

Farmers, bring in samples of your products. We want to ornament our sanctum with them and show strangers what we can do here.

Jake Gustin of Galatia was a caller on Monday. He is running a threshing this season and says wheat is turning out very poorly—from 3 to 10—bushels per acre.

On this page will be found a contributed poem on the man who talks through his hat. It will be appreciated by all who are familiar with this genus *homme d'etat*.

Will Brown, tinner, of Hutchinson, formerly of this city, was badly burned about the face one day last week by the bursting of a bottle of acid with which he was working. It is feared he will lose the sight of one eye.

Since John Wilcox took charge as Pacific Express messenger their business at this point has more than doubled. "John" is a hustler for business and always gives his patrons a square deal.

La Crosse Clarion: The County Sunday School convention will be held in the court house on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12. Henry Timken of California, the inventor of the renowned Timken buggy spring, is visiting with his brother Jacob Timken of Lone Star township.

Cimarron Jacksonian: F. G. Smith, of Great Bend, spent the week with Cimarron friends and Gray county attractions. T. J. Holcomb sold his fine bunch of steers to Great Bend buyers this week. There was 111 head in the bunch and they brought \$4,500 in clear cash. The price paid was 33 cents per pound.

Mattie Vickers did not have nearly so large a house here as she deserved. The entertainment was first class in every respect and it is to be regretted that Great Bend does not patronize good shows. It seems that the new and attractive drama "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is the only thing that will draw well here.

At high noon on Thursday of last week Probate Judge McCorkle pronounced the words that bound together for life George S. Hought of Liberty township, aged 27, and Miss Mina Dunn, aged 18, of the same locality. These estimable young people are well known and their legion friends wish them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

John M. Reynolds, the author of "The Twin Hells," and one of the best known newspaper men in Kansas, died at the Osawatimie insane asylum two weeks ago. Reynolds was in Great Bend two years ago and sold his book on the street here. He will be recalled as the man with penitentiary stripes who rode about the streets playing a cornet. Within a week after leaving here he became violently insane.

McPherson Democrat: A little girl who is learning to read by studying the big print in the newspapers, prayed the other night as follows, so says an exchange: "Dear Lord, make me pure—make me absolutely pure, like baking powder." This beautiful, good and true story told by a contemporary is commended to the prayerful consideration of people who think it does not pay to advertise.

F. G. McKinney on Tuesday brought in a freak in the watermelon line. It is three melons growing on one stem, all perfectly formed and two of them united the full length by a rind growth one half inch thick. Frank calls them "Siamese" melons. There has long been a demand for a jug handle attachment, and this is the next best thing, so we're going to save the seed. They can then be hung over the arm like a pair of saddle bags.

THE MAN FOR SHERIFF.

George Valerius, of Homestead Township.

The Popular Democratic Candidate is Gaining Ground Every Day and Will Be Triumphant.

AS we remarked a few weeks ago, when any man comes up for office he from that moment becomes public property and the people have a right to know who he is and what a r e h i s qualifications for the office to which he aspires. When the democratic county convention on July 17th placed in nomination for the office of sheriff George Valerius of Homestead township it made no mistake, and selected a man who can claim as many friends and present as industrious and honorable a pedigree as any in the county. Our candidate, whose portrait is here given, was born near the city of Fond du Lac, in Wisconsin, in 1860. At the age of six years he moved with his parents to Keokuk county, Iowa, and there resided on a farm until sixteen years of age, when he came to Barton county, locating in Wheatland township. In 1885 he opened a blacksmith shop at Millard, having begun the trade in Iowa. Later he moved his shop to Hoisington, where he has since continued in business and established an extensive reputation as a skilled workman and an industrious, honorable and upright citizen. Mr. Valerius has an extensive acquaintance all over the north side and the returns from that section next November will speak louder than any encomium we can now pass on him. He is a pioneer in the true sense, a man who has always had a helping hand for unfortunates and who will gain strength each day as the canvass progresses. Voters of Barton county, look above at the picture of our next sheriff.

A. C. Swift of Lee, Mass., nephew of George Swift of this city, is in the city for a few days. He says business is picking up all over the east and people feel that an era of prosperity is dawning.

Myron Gillmore and wife drove to St. John Tuesday to attend a celebration of the eighty-first birthday anniversary of Mrs. Aber, Mrs. Gillmore's mother, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Maxson.

White paper would be better for the only purpose for which an amateur "newspaper" of this county is fit. We might also say this of another, but its size bars it. Their jealous belongings reminds one of the insane mutterings of a phthisis patient.

A card from W. G. Brands announced the safe arrival of himself and family at Topeka, on Saturday. Will suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs that night and upon a physician's advice pulled out at once for the west. He is now located at Wiley, Kansas.

We heard a Savage use some good logic yesterday for the first time, as follows: "White man first license man to distill whisky, then license another to sell it—then hire a policeman to catch the man who drink it. When he come out of jail he drink more and he put in again. He don't understand it."

Real Estate Transfers.

W. P. White to Bunnell & Eno Investment company, lots 3 and 4 and e. hf. sw. qr. 18 18-18.

B. W. Gould to Bunnell & Eno Investment company, se. qr. 29 18-14.

H. A. Bishop to John Moffatt, pr. 106 feet lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 80; lot 6 in block 129; lot 7 in block 68; lots 10 and 11 in block 61; one-half of lots 1 and 2 in block 68, Great Bend.

C. L. Titus to C. and L. Dee, lots 3, 4 and 5 and se. qr. of nw. qr. 6-17-15.

J. H. Fisher to J. H. Pritch, nw. qr. 35-30-11.

Government patent issued to heirs of John Childs, Sr., for se. qr. 4-16-13.

Mrs. Townsend, who conducted an ice cream parlor on Forest avenue, has moved to the Second ward.

We understand that Captain J. P. Francis of Hoisington is to locate here in the practice of law.

The Central school building has 168 enrollment, the west building 159 and the east building 170, a total of 497.

If you want to see how much a public spirited man can do to improve his premises and thereby improve the city, notice Fred Zutavern's Forest avenue residence. It does not cost much to have unsightly weeds removed.

Miss Anna Wunderlich, daughter of C. P. and Elizabeth Wunderlich of Olmitz, died in St. Louis last Friday morning. The remains were received here on Monday and the interment occurred on Tuesday from the residence to St. Anthony church and cemetery, conducted by Rev. J. Selenar. A large number of sympathizing friends were in attendance. Miss Wunderlich suffered a sunstroke while visiting in St. Louis.

A Letter From Denver.

To the Editors of the DEMOCRAT:

I promised you an account of my trip to this place, and will do so briefly. As you are aware, our train was four hours late at the Bend and we lost one hour more from there to Colorado Springs, making us five hours late at this point. No. 5 was more heavily loaded than I had seen it for two years—nearly all strangers interested in mountain scenery, and it afforded me much pleasure to point out the different places of interest on the road after coming in sight of the Rockies. Nature is a grand architect, although many of her designs are yet in the rough. At Monument there are the representations of old feudal castles, and in imagination one can see the face of the Jewish maiden as she views the battle under the walls and reports to the wounded prisoner within; and again we see further on a group of buildings in the red sandstone that reminds one of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." The mountains are filled with tourists at this season of the year and the hotels at the different resorts are having a rich harvest.

I spent the day yesterday with H. J. Klein. He carried his little boy to the St. Anthony hospital, one of the largest and best equipped institutions in the west. The surgeons meet there at 9 o'clock this morning, and as Dr. Moffitt has requested me to come over, and it is nearly time, I must close. Regards to friends. W. H. Browns. Denver, Colo., Sept. 14.

MYSTERIES OF WOODCRAFT.

ANGS of people congregated around the DEMOCRAT corner Monday night with awe stricken faces and turned them toward the upper windows of the building. An awful uproar proceeded therefrom. One man said it must be made by running barrels through a threshing machine, but just then the nature of the sound changed and dismal moans and blood curdling groans cooed from the windows. Just then Dick Ewalt came along and pacified the crowd. "They're at it every Monday night," said the marshal. "I've sat out here on the bank steps and listened to it till I've got it down pat. It's the Woodmen and that noise you hear now is where they take the fellow they're initiating and put him on a wooden goat with tacks sticking up through it and run him around the room and drop him over a precipice 1000 feet high. Then they pour ice water down his back and drag him up to this end by the hair. I've been lookin' for someone to get hurt up there. Hear that! They've just shot him out of a cannon onto a blanket, and now they're pitchin' him up. Whoa, he must have missed the blanket. Hear 'em yell! Now they're rolling him around in a barrel, and when they get through with that they will take him and shampoo him with lincseed oil and gravel and take him over to the high muck and make for a lecture. They ain't making as much noise to-night as usual because Caraway ain't here; and I don't hear Dick Glissman, either. Sometimes it's awful. Hear how still they are now. They've got him up on a raised platform in the west end. There's a wire stretched across the room and on it runs a pulley, on the pulley's a leather strap and that fellow's got to take the strap in his teeth and toboggan across to another raised platform. Always makes me shiver when they come to this part, cause half way across is a vat of molten lead and if the candidate let's go the strap or bites it in too he's a goner. After this they give the man his clothes back and let him rest a minute before they—they're at it now, but I must be moving on."

GERMAN ANNIVERSARY

Seventh Annual Celebration at Great Bend October 6.

In Honor of the First Settlement of Germans in America, Under the Leadership of Pastorius.

UNDAY, October 6, the German-American Pastorius Verein of Barton county is to give its seventh annual grand celebration at the Fred Zutavern grove, one half mile east of the city of Great Bend.

This society was organized here October 6, 1889, Henry Huttman, formerly of Ellinwood, now United States revenue collector and located at Wichita, being the first president. Fred Zutavern was secretary until 1892, when he was chosen president, and has since acted in that capacity. The other officers of the society are William Gaggel, man, Karl Kreisel and H. J. Roetzel, vice presidents; J. H. Myers, treasurer; Louis Zutavern, secretary; J. Gruber, A. Weiss and M. Rader, executive committee.

For the benefit of those of our readers who do not know the import of this annual celebration we inform them that it is in commemoration of the establishment of the first German colony in America at Germantown, Pa., October 6, 1683. Pastorius, the leader of the movement, sailed from Frankfurt, Germany, in the ship "Concord," and after a passage of forty-nine days arrived at Germantown. While there were Germans scattered throughout the colonies at that time this was the first formal step toward German colonization. These venturesome Teutons underwent great hardships for several years, but their thrift finally conquered the wilderness and made it blossom as the rose, and it is becoming that the descendants of that heroic band remember the day in feasting and song and merry making at this day.

The grove has been beautified and improved for the forthcoming celebration and the society will be prepared to entertain an immense crowd.

To Advertisers.

Hereafter, in order to secure insertion of advertisements same week publication is desired, copy for ads must be in this office by noon on Monday.

A. L. Mojonnier was up from Ellinwood yesterday.

Mrs. Ed Tyler arrived home from St. Louis Sunday, where she had been to purchase goods.

Operator Strange of the Postal Telegraph company came in Tuesday from Ottawa to go to work.

Jake Corbin left last Saturday for Hot Springs, Arkansas, he being afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism and dropsy.

Miss Jessie M. Clark spent her vacation at the home of her parents at Walton, Kansas, and came back Saturday to resume her duties as teacher.

By direction of Chairman Richardson of the democratic state central committee we are authorized to announce that there will be a meeting of the committee at Topeka on Friday, October 4, at 4 p. m., in the parlors of the Throop hotel, for the purpose of taking steps looking to the nomination of a candidate for judge of the supreme court of Kansas.

City Market Report.

GREAT BEND, KAN., Sept. 19, 1895.

Wheat, per cwt. \$2.00 @ \$2.25

Flour, per cwt. 2.00 @ 2.25

Barley, per bushel .50

Butter, per pound .10 @ 4.50

Eggs, per cwt. .50

Wheat, per bushel .50

Oats, per bushel .30

Corn, per bushel .25

Poultry, per pound .10 @ .15

Pork, per sack 1.50 @ 1.75

Cornmeal, per cwt. .50

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Great Bend for the week ending September 18, 1895:

Jas. T. Brown. H. H. Clark.

Johnnie Hardy. Emma Cotten.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." WILF E. STOKES, P. M.

Round trip tickets to Dallas, Texas, will be on sale October 16th to 31st. Rate \$14.05. Final limit November 10th. W. TOWNY, Agt.

A. T. & S. F. R. R.